REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Pham for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with applicant's attorney, John E. Vanderburgh, and Mr. Andrew Prell, the first named inventor, that was held April 4, 2005. During the interview the function of the application wrapper to filter software input and output which forces a plurality of applications to operate together was pointed out. Thus applications such as Autocad® can be fully manipulated by each participant in the session and common data, such as a drawing, can be shared and manipulated at each participant's computer. On the other hand the system disclosed by Ludwig et al. is a "presentation" system, that is actual control of an application is limited to one computer's operating system. Therefore data sharing between other computers in the session is limited to annotation of a snapshot and the actual manipulation and control over the data is limited to the one computer. The application wrappers patentably distinguish applicants' collaborative system over the collaborative system taught by Ludwig et al..
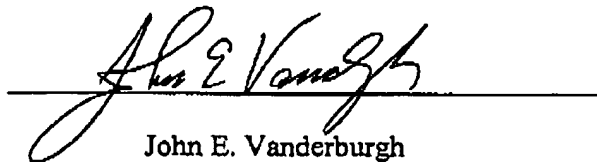
The Examiner indicated that while he understood the difference between the applicants' invention and the system of Ludwig et al., such difference was not clearly setforth in the claims as currently in the case. Applicants suggested the amendment to claim 1 included herein and the Examiner agreed to consult with his supervisor regarding entering the amendment.

As stated above it is respectfully requested that the amendment to claim 1 be entered as patentably distinguishing applicants' invention over the cited reference and also as it places the case in better condition for consideration on appeal.

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